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1. Troop trains which were loaded in the Halle regional railroad district between 3 and 5 July 1954 included:

C/P - Converted boxcars
B - Boxcar
F - Flatcar

Date in July	Number of Trains	Number and Type of Cars	From and/or In	To
3	1	7 C/P, 2 B, 21 F	Rueckmarsdorf	1
	1		Wittenberg	2
4	3	28CB, 1 B, 195 F	Zahna	3
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5	5	37 CB, 23 B, 220 F	Altenburg	Altengrabow

The trains on 5 July carried artillery and motor vehicles including

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Date in July	Number of		From	To
	Axles	Tons		
2	110	750	Altruppin	Jerichow
	92	615	Frankfurt/Oder	Bruegge
3	156	1437	Doberitz	Sargard
	186	1105	Walten	Neukuhrow
	120	1034	Neustrelitz	Jerichow
	146	1187	"	"
4	106	669	Rathenow-H	Altengrabow
5	192	1167	Zurbarow	Liebstern

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3. Beginning on 4 July, major movements were observed in the Greifswald regional railroad district, with large numbers of railroad cars being assembled on orders of the Soviet High Commission. The movements were concentrated apparently in the Neustrelitz area. 25X1
4. On 2 July, a train of 6 converted boxcars, 4 boxcars, 15 flatcars and 11 SSy-type flatcars went from Altruppin to Jerichow. The train carried 1 motorboat, pontoons, bridge building and engineer equipment and 25 trucks. 25X1
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5. During the night on 9 July, four troop trains of boxcars and flatcars, each of 120 axles, were loaded at the Neuruppin railroad station. A railroad-man stated that the trains went to Templin via Neustadt/Dosse. 11
6. Troop shipments from Dallgow to CRAWinkel which were observed at the Satz Korn railroad station on 9 and 11 July included: a shipment of 12 boxcars and 21 JSU-122 guns; and a shipment of 8 boxcars and 20 JSU-122 guns. 12 25X1
7. The following shipments left Frankfurt/Oder for Prest Litovsk:
100 x 76-mm guns on 3 July;¹³ and, on 40 boxcars, 600 officers of various branches of service who were between 40 and 50 years old, on 6 July. 14
8. On 2 July, a Polish troop train consisting of 6 boxcars occupied by soldiers and 35 flatcars carrying 35 T-34 tanks was seen in Bkonia (Poland) en route toward Posen.
1. Comment. Either 2 or 3 troop trains went from Schwepnitz to Rueckmarsdorf in late June. Units of the 19th Gds Mech Regt of the 8th Gds Mech Div were probably rotated to and from the barracks installation in Leipzig-Schoenau (8241). 25X1
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2. Comment. a train went from Wittenberg to Zehdenick on 4 July. The unit on the train could not be identified. 25X1
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3. Comment. In early July, exercises of units of the 6th Gds Tank Div or the 14th Gds Mech Div may have taken place in the Jueterbog-Wittenberg area and the participating troops were entrained in Zahna upon completion of the exercises. 25X1
4. Comment. The loading of two trains with elements of the 43d Gas Army Arty Brig had been observed at the Altenburg railroad station on 5 July. Railroadmen, however, stated that these shipments were bound for Ohrdruf. Information in the present report appears more credible. 25X1
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5. Comment. The entraining of elements of the 205th Engr Bn of the 12th Gds Tank Div at the Altruppin railroad station on 2 July had previously been reported. the train was to go to Genhin. This information had been doubted. The transfer to Jerichow, in connection with the departure for water exercises on the Elbe River of engineer regiments of the Second Gds Mech Army in early July, appears more credible. The shipments which were reported from Neustrelitz to Jerichow on 3 July, presumably came from Neubrandenburg since loading of engineer units had been observed there. 25X1
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6. Comment. Between 2 and 5 July, 4 troop trains from Schwerin, Rostock and, allegedly, Altruppin went to the Meyenburg -Frassego area, presumably for exercises or advanced combat firing practices. The shipment from Frankfurt/Oder may have also been connected with this movement. In the morning on 6 July, a shipment of a medium AAA unit of the 32d AAA Div was observed on the Fritzwalk-Perleberg railroad line going toward the west. Elements of the division may have been stationed in the Meyenburg area between 2 and 6 July.
7. Comment. Compare with information on a shipment from Dallgow to Neustrelitz on 2 July. The assumption that the shipment was bound for Ruegen Island is confirmed by the present information.
8. Comment. Presumably one or two shipments of the 31st AAA Div.
9. Comment. Observations at the Rathenow railroad station indicated that elements of the 25th Gds RL Brig with 9 rocket launchers and about 20 trucks departed on 4 July.
10. Comment. According to other information, three shipments went from Justerbog to Lieberose on 9 July.
11. Comment. It is doubted that units of the 12th Gds Tank Div were transferred to Templin via Neustadt-Dosse.
12. Comment. The entraining of about 22 SP guns at the Dallgow-Doberitz railroad station on 9 July was previously reported without place of destination. The transfer of tank units of the 1st Mech Div to the Eighth Gds Army Area is reported for the first time after a period of several years.
13. Comment. The shipment involved discarded guns en route to the USSR.
14. Comment. The age of the officers tends to indicate that they were to be discharged.

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